



MY NEW NEIGHBOUR: TIPS FOR WORKING WITH SPORTS GROUPS

Are you part of a sports team or club? Or know someone who is? Grow support for a fairer refugee sponsorship program by getting your local sports clubs on board the My New Neighbour campaign!

When sporting clubs and teams show their support for community sponsorship, local councils are more likely to support it too. This in turn sends the Federal Government a clear message – our communities are serious about creating safe ways for more people to rebuild their lives in Australia.

Steps for change:

- The members of your sports team publicly support My New Neighbour.
- The sports club makes a public statement of support for the campaign and contacts the local council encouraging them to support community sponsorship for refugees too.
- Your local council publicly supports an improved community sponsorship program.

Here's what you could ask your sports teams and clubs to do to start creating change:

- Take a group picture with a placard and share it on social media with #MyNewNeighbour
- Tag your mayor in your social posts #MyNewNeighbour
- Hold a sausage sizzle at the end of a game and collect petition signatures. Collecting signatures provides a good opportunity to talk to people about welcoming refugees, as well as demonstrate community support for refugees.
- Hold a welcome game and teach new people how to play/participate.
- Write letters or make an approach to the local council asking them to show leadership and pass a motion in favour of community sponsorship.
- Approach the local paper about your campaigning to make sure the message spreads.
- Approach other teams/clubs and ask them to get involved too. Your team/club could then do a joint picture of clubs together who support #MyNewNeighbour or do a joint welcome game.

The My New Neighbour campaign is about people power – building community support for an improved refugee sponsorship program – and then demonstrating that change to political leaders.

Read more about community sponsorship for refugees at www.amnesty.org.au
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